



# COMMISSION ON INSURANCE

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Steven Vicencia, CPCU

### MINUTES

Meeting of November 20, 2008  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 374-A  
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Commissioners Present:** Scott J. Svonkin, Steven Vicencia, CPCU, Helene S. Lohr, LUTCF, Patricia Torres, Esq., Daniel Falcon, Barry Binder

**Commissioners Absent:** Glenn S. Brown, Michael Cheung, William Callagy

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Svonkin called the meeting to order as a Committee of the whole at 10:20 a.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Svonkin.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

(Commissioner Bobby Blake joined the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m.)

On motion of Commissioner Binder seconded by Commissioner Vicencia and unanimously carried, the July 17, 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Svonkin reported on the following:

- Requested staff to submit an invitation letter to State Insurance Commissioner Poizner to appear before the Commission in January 2009.

- Requested staff extend an invitation to either vice president or executive director of the healthcare industry in Sacramento.
- Requested staff to schedule a special meeting in the city of Sylmar to discuss the current catastrophic losses such as those suffered in Southern California's fires, and to provide information to uninsured homeowners and mobile home owners.

Chair Svonkin suggested inviting a representative from Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- Commissioner Lohr stated that she will forward additional information Regarding the fires via e-mail to commissioners and staff.

### **DISCUSSION OF COUNTY COMMISSION REVIEW**

George Britton, Commission Services, reported on the following:

In 2007, the County hired an outside consulting firm to evaluate 95 of the existing 200 County Commissions. The Commission report is a "*draft*" and a copy of the draft report was provided to the Commission. Commissioners with questions concerning the report may contact Commission Services Staff who will forward questions to the Auditor-Controller.

### **LEGISLATION UPDATE**

None was reported.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED COMMISSION BY-LAWS**

George Britton, Commission Services, reported on the following:

The Commission meets on the third Thursday of every other month instead of the Second Thursday. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, or a majority of the Commission members.

On motion of Commissioner Binder seconded by Commissioner Vicencia and unanimously carried, the Commission By-laws were approved as submitted.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Staff**

George Britton, Staff, Board of Supervisors  
Mireya Rivera, Staff, Board of Supervisors

**Guest(s)**

None